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In re reissue application of

Zoltan G. TURI

Serial No. 09/154,274

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Examiner: W. Lewis

Reissue of Patent No. ~~5,556,414~~

For: COMPOSITE INTRALUMINAL GRAFT

RESPONSE AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Office Action dated December 11, 2001, concerning the above-referenced patent application.

REMARKS

Applicant requests favorable reconsideration of this application in view of the following remarks.

The Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter in claims 1-21, 33-35, 38-42, 48, 58-60, 65, 79, 80, 84-88, 92, 93, 103-105, 109, and 110 is acknowledged with appreciation.

The Office rejects claims 22-26, 28-32, 36, 37, 42-47, 49-51, 53-57, 59, 61-63, 66-72, 74-78, 81-83, 89-91, 94-96, 98-102, 106-108, and 111-172 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,693,085 (Buirge). The Office Action states that Buirge